

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph at page 1, line 10, to page 2, line 1, with the following rewritten paragraph:

It is a common practice with an electrophotographic image forming apparatus to optically scan the charged surface of a photoconductive drum or image carrier for thereby forming a latent image, deposit toner on the latent image to thereby ~~for~~ form a toner image, and transfer the toner image to a sheet or recording medium. To charge the surface of the photoconductive drum, the electrophotographic image forming apparatus has traditionally used a corotron, scorotron or similar wire charging system. However, the wire charging system produces some ozone at the time of charging and is therefore undesirable from ~~the environment~~ an environmental standpoint.